The motion was put and carired and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2 to 7 and 1 were put and carried.

The Preamble was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, I move—

'That the Madras Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 15 of 1962), as passed by the Assembly, be passed.'

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

'That the Madras Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 15 of 1962), as passed by the Assembly, be passed'.

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

(2) THE MADRAS INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS (NATIONAL AND FESTIVAL HOLIDAYS) AMENDMENT BILL, 1962 (L.A. BILL NO. 17 OF 1962.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move—

'That the Madras Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Bill, 1962 [a] (L.A. Bill No. 17 of 1962), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration'.

The Government of India and this Government have been declaring 2nd October as a paid holiday in industrial undertakings of the State. The State Labour Advisory Board at its meeting in August 1962 unanimously recommended that 2nd October, viz., Gandhi Jayanthi, should also be included as a National holiday under the Madras Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Act, 1958, increasing the total number of holidays from 7 to 8. The Board further recommended that the establishments already declaring 8 or more as holidays may substitute 2nd October in lieu of one of the existing festival holidays in consultation with the workers. This Government have accepted the recommendations of the Board. Legislation is, therefore, necessary to give effect to the decision. The Bill provides for declaring 2nd October as a compulsory national holiday. The Bill also provides for curtailing by one holiday if in any industrial establishment the number of holidays for festivals which any employee is entitled to on the date on which this Act comes into force exceeds 5, such holiday being specified by the Inspector in consultation with the employer and employees.

(Deputy Chairman in the Chair).

I move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

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DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question is—

'That the Madras Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 17 of 1962), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration.*'

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2, 3, and 1 were put and carried.

The Preamble was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

'That the Madras Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 17 of 1962), as passed by the Assembly, be passed.'

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question is—

'That the Madras Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Amendment Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 17 of 1962), as passed by the Assembly, be passed.'

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

(3) THE MADRAS LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXTENSION OF TERM OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS) BILL, 1962 (L.A. BILL NO. 18 OF 1962.)

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

'That the Madras Local Authorities (Extension of Term of Office of Members) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 18 of 1962 as, passed by the Assembly, be taken into Consideration.' 3-50 p.m.

Sir, hon. Members are aware that a state of emergency in the country has been declared by the President in a proclamation issued under clause (1) of Article 352 of the Constitution of India on the 25th October 1962 and that the Election Commission thereupon has decided not to hold bye-elections either to Parliament or to State Legislatures. The ordinary elections to District Municipalities and the Council of the Corporation of Madras in this State have been scheduled to take place in the months of December 1962 and January 1963 respectively. There may be cases of ordinary or casual vacancies for filling of which elections will have to be held in respect of any of the panchayats also. It has been proposed to postpone elections both ordinary and casual to all local authorities (Corporation of Madras, District Municipalities, Panchayat Unions Councils and Panchayats) to be in consonance with the spirit of the steps taken by the Centre, so long as the said proclamation of emergency is in operation and for a period of six months

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